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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rogelio Rivera of Laredo has deservedly been named
2 the 2015 Engineer of the Year by the Gateway Chapter of the Texas
3 Society of Professional Engineers; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Laredo, Mr. Rivera served his nation for
5 six years as a member of the United States Army, and he prepared for
6 his career by earning a degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M
7 University in 1967; and

8 WHEREAS, After taking his first engineering job at Chicago
9 Bridge and Iron, Mr. Rivera returned to his hometown in 1972 and was
10 employed as a project engineer at Paul Garza & Associates, a role in
11 which he was responsible for the design and construction management
12 of infrastructure improvements, including street, drainage, and
13 water distribution projects; he went on to work for 16 years as an
14 assistant city engineer for the City of Laredo, and he was promoted
15 to his present post of city engineer in 1994; and

16 WHEREAS, In that important role, Mr. Rivera supervises a
17 staff of 28 people and oversees the engineering and construction of
18 the city's capital improvement projects; his department is also
19 responsible for ensuring that engineering, architectural, and
20 construction inspections of public infrastructure and subdivision
21 development are in compliance with city and state regulations; over
22 the course of his 37-year tenure in public service, he has played an
23 integral part in engineering such notable city landmarks as the
24 Laredo Energy Arena, the World Trade International Bridge, the

1 Laredo-Colombia Solidarity International Bridge, the Uni-Trade
2 Stadium, the Laredo International Airport, the James and Maria
3 Luisa Haynes Recreation Center, and the El Metro Transit Center,
4 among many others; and

5 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Rivera enjoys the love
6 and support of his wife, Nelly, and their three children, Celina,
7 Cynthia, and Xavier; and

8 WHEREAS, Through his skill, vision, and sustained commitment
9 to excellence, Rogelio Rivera has contributed greatly to his
10 profession for nearly a half-century, and his achievements will
11 continue to benefit Laredo and the State of Texas for many years to
12 come; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Rogelio Rivera on being named the
15 2015 Engineer of the Year by the Gateway Chapter of the Texas
16 Society of Professional Engineers and extend to him sincere best
17 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Rivera as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.